

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on February 2, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 458, 1/25/2007; HB 463,
1/29/2007; HB 490, 1/29/2007

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 356

00:02:03 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that HB 356 **DO PASS.**

00:02:24 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that HB 356 **BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:03:08 Rep. McAlpin

00:03:25 Rep. Erickson

00:04:00 Rep. MacLaren

00:04:20 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Blasdel, Lambert, Vincent and Butcher voting by proxy.

00:05:15 Chairman Lake suspended further Executive Action on HB 356.

00:05:25 Rep. McAlpin

HEARING ON HB 490

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:43 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 490, Adoption tax credit.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:55 Joe Shevlin, Member, Board of Directors, Catholic Social Services

00:13:56 Rosemary Miller, Executive Director, Catholic Social Services

00:15:59 Rep. Butcher arrived at hearing

00:16:07 Moe Wosepka, representing Montana Catholic Conference

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:18:58 Brian Olsen, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:28 Rep. Julie French

HEARING ON HB 463

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:59 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 463, Revise taxation of new or expanded business enterprise property.

00:22:29 Rep. Lambert arrived at hearing

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:36 Rick Edwards, President, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

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00:25:49 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:26:37 John Prinkki, President, Montana Association of Counties

00:28:05 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

00:29:40 Gary Amestoy, representing Richland County Economic Development Corporation

00:30:14 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic Development

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:44 Rep. Erickson

00:40:15 Rep. Ross

00:43:32 Rep. Nooney

00:44:14 Rep. Hamilton

00:45:57 Rep. Sonju

00:50:20 Rep. Erickson

00:52:40 Chairman Lake

00:52:49 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division

00:54:42 Rep. Erickson

00:55:11 Rep. Cohenour

00:55:39 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue

00:56:30 Rep. Ross

00:59:18 Rep. Erickson

00:59:58 Chairman Lake

01:04:51 Jeff Martin

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:40 Rep. Dan Villa

HEARING ON HB 458

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:07:01 Rep. Alan Olson (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 458, Repeal wholesale energy transaction tax.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:09:53 John Fitzpatrick, representing NorthWestern Energy
[EXHIBIT \(tah23a02\)](#)

01:17:15 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:35 Rep. Cohenour
01:18:54 Rep. Erickson
01:20:51 Dallas Reese, Department of Revenue
01:22:04 Rep. Lambert
01:23:50 Rep. Cohenour
01:25:35 Rep. MacLaren
01:26:30 Lee Baerlocher

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:59 Rep. Alan Olson

01:28:51 Rep. Erickson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:30 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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